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*"Wisdom, compassion and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men."
Confucius*

RESOURCES FROM AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS ON CONNECTICUT SHOOTINGS

In response to the elementary school shootings in Connecticut, the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) has published [resources](#) for talking to children about this tragic event. The AAP notes that children should not be exposed to the extensive media coverage of the event, and parents should turn off TVs, computers and other media devices. The AAP resources include advice on watching for signs of stress and trauma in children plus additional information on promoting mental health, school safety and violence prevention. Parents should also be aware that their child's pediatrician can also be a source of advice and support during this time. Contact your pediatrician for more information.

The resource index:

For Parents/Teachers:

- [Teen Suicide and Guns](#)
- [Talking with Your Teen: Tips for Parents](#)
- [Next Stop Adulthood: Tips for Parents](#)
- [Tips for Talking to Children After a Disaster](#)
- Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health:
 - [Tools for Families](#)

For Students:

- [Stress Management Guide for Teens](#)
- [Connecting with Your Community](#)

For Schools:

- [Staying Cool When Things Heat Up](#)
- [Health, Mental Health, and Safety Guidelines for Schools](#)
- The following guidelines, in particular, may be considered in developing policies and procedures to aid in preparing for and responding to crises:
 - [Mental Health Problems: Capacity to Identify, Refer, Manage](#)
 - [Staff Trained for Emergencies](#)
 - [Crisis Response Team and Plans](#)
- [National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement](#)
 - [Guidelines for Responding to the Death of a Student or School Staff](#)
- [Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools](#)
- [Tips for Talking to Children After a Disaster](#)

Related AAP Policy Statements:

- [Firearm-Related Injuries Affecting the Pediatric Population](#)
- [Role of the Pediatrician in Youth Violence Prevention](#)
- [The Pediatrician and Childhood Bereavement](#)

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